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SUBJECT: NORWAY CONCERN RE POST-NIMROD COURSE OF NATO AWACS

REF: A. OSLO 1568  
B. USNATO 1968

1. REGARDING HOLST'S QUESTION ON POSSIBLE UK FLEXIBILITY IN ITS NIMROD DECISION (PARA 6, REF A), WE SEE LITTLE OR NO BASIS FOR OPTIMISM THAT PRESENT GOVERNMENT WOULD CHANGE ITS ANNOUNCED POSITION. MOREOVER, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR SPECULATING ON PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE NIMROD PROGRAM FROM A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW.

2. TURNING TO THE SECOND REQUEST BY HOLST (ALSO PARA 6,  
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REF A), WE WOULD EMPHASIZE WASHINGTON'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR A MULTINATIONAL NATO AWACS FORCE AND WE SUPPORT NATO EFFORT TO DEVELOP A RESTRUCTURED ALLIANCE AWACS PROGRAM TO SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR APPROVAL. LUNS PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REF B ARE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THIS PURPOSE, WITH THE UK CONTRIBUTION BEING INTEROPERABLE WITH THE NATO AWACS. WE REALIZE THAT THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES CONSTITUTE A

DIFFICULT CHALLENGE, INCLUDING REQUISITE PARLIAMENTARY APPROVALS. THIS WILL REQUIRE ADEQUATE TIME; HOWEVER, PROGRAM MOMENTUM MUST BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE DEVELOPED BEFORE US PRODUCTION LINE CEASES. FOR LOWEST COST PROGRAM, ALLIANCE NEEDS PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL BY END OF THE YEAR. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A PRACTICABLE GOAL AND IS A REASONABLE BASIS UPON WHICH THE GON COULD BASE ITS PLANS CONCERNING THE SUBMISSIONS TO THE STORTING.

3. MAJOR GENERAL BOWMAN WILL BE IN OSLO APRIL 17-24 AND CAN DISCUSS CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MORE DETAIL. FYI. IN PHONE CONVERSATION FROM HOLST TO MAJOR GENERAL BOWMAN ON LAST DAY OF LEBER'S VISIT TO NORWAY, HOLST INDICATED THAT HANSEN AND LEBER WILL SUPPORT FOLLOW-ON ALLIANCE AWACS PROGRAM. END FYI.

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